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**BALTIMORE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 210 MONTHS**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Alric Berry, age 33, of Baltimore, Maryland was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Judge Benson E. Legg to 210 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute heroin. At the sentencing hearing, Judge Legg determined that Berry was a career offender.

According to the statement of facts presented at Berry's guilty plea on January 28, 2004, the Drug Enforcement Administration and Baltimore County Police Department were investigating drug trafficking in Baltimore County. Based on that investigation, law enforcement received a search warrant for one of Berry's residences. Upon seeing him carry a heavy bag inside that apartment, law enforcement executed the search warrant and recovered approximately 600 grams of heroin with a street value of \$150,000 as well as packaging materials, cash and other evidence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Stephen M. Schenning and Jane M. Erisman.